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THE NEW NORMAL SCHOOL SITE.

Just why Howard Hill should be chosen as a proper location for Normal School No. 2, I cannot understand, nor does any one seem able to enlighten me. The sole argument advanced in favor of the Hill site is on the ground that it is close to the city and close to Howard University, the cheapness of the land. Whatever the price may be and what relative difference there may be in the cost, and the cost of one more centrally located site, it may be fairly said that it is not a good thing for the city to spend a large sum of money for a site which will be spent a hundred fold by parents and pupils in car fare and other incidentals created by a long daily journey to such an out-of-the-way school. It will cost the great majority of teachers and pupils two car fares a day to reach this school.

THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY INFLUENCE.

To locate a training school for teachers near Howard University, would not be a good thing for the city while it benefits the University. In the natural order of things the University would dominate the school by the very fact of proximity, even though the faculty and body of the University kept clear of the school, a thing they would not be likely to do.

The colored pastors of Washington, numbering about two hundred, have issued the following statement of their attitude in an appeal to the colored parents of the District:

To the Colored Parents of the District of Columbia:

The Bill appropriating the money for the purchase of a site for the building of the colored, or "Normal School No. 2," requires that it be located somewhere East of 7th street, West of North Capitol street, and North of O street N. W. The Board of Education has recommended to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia that the "Balloch Property," between Sixth and Seventh street N. W., opposite the Men's Dormitory of Howard University, be purchased as the site for said Normal School No. 2.

This site is unfit as a location for Normal School No. 2; first, because of its close proximity to the Men's Dormitory and the New Medical School of Howard University—where will be gathered from three to four hundred young men for eight months in the year; secondly, it is out of the way and not easily accessible to a large majority of our people; and finally, the thoroughfare through which most of the girls attending Normal School No. 2 would have to pass is unsightly, degrading, and unsafe for young women unattended by chaperones. The "Balloch Property" will be selected as the site of our Normal School unless our parents enter an immediate and vigorous protest. Fill out, sign and mail the Protest given below to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at once. Be sure to cut off your protest at dotted line.

Respectfully yours,
THE COLORED PASTORS OF
WASHINGTON.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia,
Gentlemen:

I respectfully ask, as a parent, citizen, and taxpayer, of the District of Columbia, that the building for Normal School No. 2 be NOT located on the "Balloch Property," but on or near O street N. W.

Name.....
Address.....
Date.....

EAST OF SEVENTH STREET, WEST OF NORTH CAPITOL AND NORTH OF O STREET N. W.

I do not perceive the "raison d'être" as my French friends say of prescribing the location of Normal School No. 2 to these bounds, nor can I learn why Congress should place that stipulation and restriction in the appropriation bill, nor why the Commissioners should make such a recommendation, nor why the School Board should unanimously adopt the proposition to place a school in a decidedly and plainly evident undesirable location. I may be fair in presuming that the location in question was considered before the bill was presented to Congress and that is why the bounds of selection were so fixed. If this is true, a wealth of suggestion as to other things connected with the selection of this site is at hand. I shall endeavor to verify some of these suggestions, and will be glad to have anybody who knows anything to tell me something.

MEN AND THE CHURCH.

The progressive churchmen of America have long been considering the means of bringing more men into the church, and many methods have been tried. Now the church realizes the fact that the real men are less inclined to attend church services and take active part in church affairs, yield to purely church influences than any time in church history. There are many reasons for this, some say it is because the church is too theoretically religious and not sufficiently practical in its teaching. Men are more actually interested in this, while they all desire to go to heaven when they die, they are quite anxious to make the best of life in this world.

There are a great many men who would gladly go, listen with close attention, and strive to follow the teaching of any man or number of men who could tell them how they might better their daily life, be more useful to their neighbors and get some good thought and advice on Sunday that they could carry on Monday out into the workaday world.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

Without going into a theological dissertation, I may say that there are men who regard Christ as a great philosopher, a political reformer of advanced principles, who sought to better the social and political condition of his people. This is an interesting view and to fair minded men does not disparage the conception of those who believe Him to be the Son of the Living God. However, if all men believed that if all men endeavored to live in honor and justice and kindness of heart, and such made effort toward such life the kingdom of heaven would come to be in our daily life, as well as in a faraway hereafter, this would indeed be a nicer world to live in.

THE ELEMENTAL BRUTE.

"The Noo Yawk Choinal" says, editorially, that a hundred pound clerk could kill both Johnson and Jeffries in "actual war." In the darkness of his editorial intellect the writer considered actual war to be a lot of fellows with Mauser and Springfield rifles, standing in line shooting at each other about a mile or so apart. For the benefit of others who may think the same thing, I will say that that is not actual war at all. War is one of the lost arts and our interest in prize fights is a survival of its spirit. The fighting instinct lives in us yet, though dormant, and we still have the lust for battle which all red-headed animals feel. When war really was, a man stood face to face with his foe and fought with his hands, feet and whole body. In those days there were no "hundred pound clerks."

THAT YELLOW STREAK.

So the mythical Yellow Streak did not appear in Jack Johnson, but showed up in Jeff, whom I always thought was a dud and never hesitated to say so—a sort of a Joe Grim champion. This yellow stuff has been handed out about every colored prize fighter, George Dixon had it bad. Joe Walcott was sadly afflicted with it, and Joe Gans had chills when he saw a boxing glove—that's what they said until each of these timid boys knocked the block off everything in their class. The last man accused was Jack Johnson, but he failed to display the yellow streak. Jeffries, Corbett and John L. Sullivan had the yellow streak and had it bad. They ducked behind the color line to keep from having it seen.

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT.

Now that the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight is over, the State of Nevada should become civilized. It is the only State in the Union in which a fight to the finish is lawful. Nevada owes it both to itself and to the rest of the country to repeal this relic of barbarism. In spite of the hundreds of reams of good white paper which were wasted by more or less literary gentlemen in supplying the demand ante-fight accounts of the doings of the fighters, including not only the routine of their training camps but the trivial incidents of their whole past lives (greatly exaggerated), all intelligent men and women, when frank with themselves, know that prize fighting is brutal to the last degree.

To pretend that it is necessary to cultivate a love of manly strength and courage is balderdash. The manliest and strongest men we have are not those who take part in prize fights, but those who are engaged in any honest and elevating morally, socially, or in any other direction.

The big corporations of this country are every day sending up a call for strong, aggressive, courageous young men, but it is not recommendation to them to say of a young man that he is a "follower of Britannia" (we believe that is one of the technical phrases of the sport).—Huntington Herald Dispatch.

THE MOST POPULAR ELK.

The contest for the honor of being the "most popular Elk" is well on, and there is a manifestation of interest that bids fair to make the affair spirited and exciting. Some have said that we should limit the number of popularity to local Elks, but I do not think that would be courteous to the visitors, and we feel that if a visitor should gain the honor, hospitality alone would inspire us to gladly accord him that honor. The charm is displayed in the window of Callisheys, the Jeweler, 917 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, and see it; get an expert opinion on its merit and beauty. The charm is worth any man's desire.

Personal and Society

The Elks of this city are making extensive preparations to entertain the Grand Lodge, which meets here the first part of this month. It is expected that there will be ten thousand Elks in the city at least. This means much to the citizens of Washington, and every man, whether Elk or not, should constitute himself a committee of one to see to it that the visiting Elks and the strangers that come within our gates shall go away from the national capital prepared to carry a good report back to their several and various homes.

The excursion given by the Wesley Club of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on last Friday was a decided success. This is rather a new feature in the way of raising church circles and it proved not only popular but profitable as well. There is no good reason why the churches should not enter into the field of harmless amusements and thereby rescue many persons, who otherwise would not be reached if they could and could not be if they would.

Mrs. Hamilton, President of the Wesley Club which gave the excursion on Friday night last, reports that this trip to Summeret Beach was the most enjoyable as well as the most profitable by far of any of the previous ones.

Hon. W. A. B. Cosby, of 372 Houston street, Atlanta, Ga., was in the city for a few days this week and was the guest of Rev. Dr. I. N. Ross and family, of 1444 Q street N. W. Mr. Cosby has been making a tour of the larger cities of the North, including New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo and Baltimore with a view to securing some ideas in connection with a certain proposition in which he is interested in the city of Atlanta. He is one of the popular young men of that city, and was the leading spirit in Dr. Ross' Sunday School when the Doctor was pastor of that church.

Mrs. A. M. Curtis, the charming wife of Dr. A. M. Curtis, is spending the summer at the popular resort, Arundel-on-the-Bay, Md. She reports a pleasant time, and advises that Washington society has contributed liberally toward making the resort popular by its patrons who are there from this city.

At no caterer's in town will you find a nicer repast and better service than at Mrs. I. E. Williamson's at 1939 9th street, N. W. Mrs. Williamson is mis-

stress of the culinary department, having spent a lifetime in this capacity. When you desire a real refreshing, yet home-like meal, go to Mrs. I. E. Williamson's at the above named number.

Rev. Mr. Holland, one of the two local preachers of the Metropolitan Church, filled the pulpit on last Sunday night and rendered a very creditable discourse indeed. His subject was well handled and logically discussed.

Rev. Dr. I. N. Ross preached at the A. M. E. Church in Deamwood on Sunday. The occasion was the raising of some funds to meet the needs of the trustees. There was a goodly number present and many members of the Metropolitan Church turned out to help their sister church.

Mr. Harry Neal, messenger to Speaker Cannon, contemplates a trip to Danville, Ill., soon. Mr. Neal has been employed in this capacity for a number of years and is one of the most popular men about the Capitol. It is said of him, that he knows every man personally, who is a member of the House, and has a wonderful memory for faces, men and events.

Miss Catherine C. Bush died Monday, July 11, at 12:15 o'clock. Her remains were buried at St. Thomas' Church at Chapel Point, near Port Tobacco, Md. Services were held at her late residence, 1022 Vermont avenue, on Tuesday, July 12. Miss Bush was formerly a clerk in the Recorder of Deeds' Office, and enjoyed the acquaintance and friendship of quite a number of persons, both in and out of the city.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S SOUTHERN POLICY OPPOSED BY THE INDEPENDENT LEAGUE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Independent League of the District of Columbia has called a mass meeting to be held at the True Reformers Hall, corner of 12th and You streets, on July 19, 1910, for the purpose of taking steps, looking toward a formal protest, of what is claimed by the League to be the economic evils that have resulted from the policy of the President in the South. In an interview with one of the leaders of the League it was revealed that their purpose was to ask not only for the retention of what colored office holders now occupy positions, but to ask for restoration, by way of appointment to offices, of those negroes who had been deposed on the ground that the colored office holders' occupancy of office was obnoxious to the white people of the several and different communities.

It was learned that the League has organizations in thirty-six States, the purpose of which is to secure to the negro the same civil and political rights as enjoyed by other American citizens. The call announces, "that any patriotic organization or individual who is in sympathy with the League will be admitted to membership and be allowed to participate in the conference in the afternoon of the above date and also the convention to be held at night of the same date. The officers are as follows: Pres. S. L. Corrothers, D. D., President District League; Rev. J. Milton Waldron, D. D., National Organizer. Other moving spirits are Bishop Alexander Walters, A. M., D. D.; Attorney J. L. Neil and N. B. Marshall; Dr. L. C. Moore and J. C. Newsum.

ATLANTIC CITY

Miss Mamie Chislow, Mrs. Clara Miller, Mr. William Still, Mr. Spate and Mr. Wendell Conish were the guests of Mrs. Cacher, of New Gretna avenue, last Sunday.

Miss Mayme Sorrell, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sorrell, of 113 Maryland avenue.

Mr. J. A. Henderson, of Keystone, W. Va., is visiting friends here.

Miss Louise Wright and her brother, Eugene Wright, left yesterday for Georgia, where they are attending the funeral of their mother.

Miss Greta Scott, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Raven Scott, one of our public school teachers, left yesterday for Boston.

Mrs. Miller, of Richmond, Va., is stopping at the Ridley Hotel.

Miss Mayme Flemming, one of our public school teachers here, is spending her vacation in Charlottesville, Va.

In visiting Atlantic City don't forget to try the new drink—"The Jackson Punch"—served at the Bay State Hotel only.

C. L. ROWLETTE.

WHERE HE MISLAID THEM.

Surgeon: "Where the deuce can I have left my glasses?"
Wife: "You haven't been performing an operation to-day, I suppose."
—Pele Mele.

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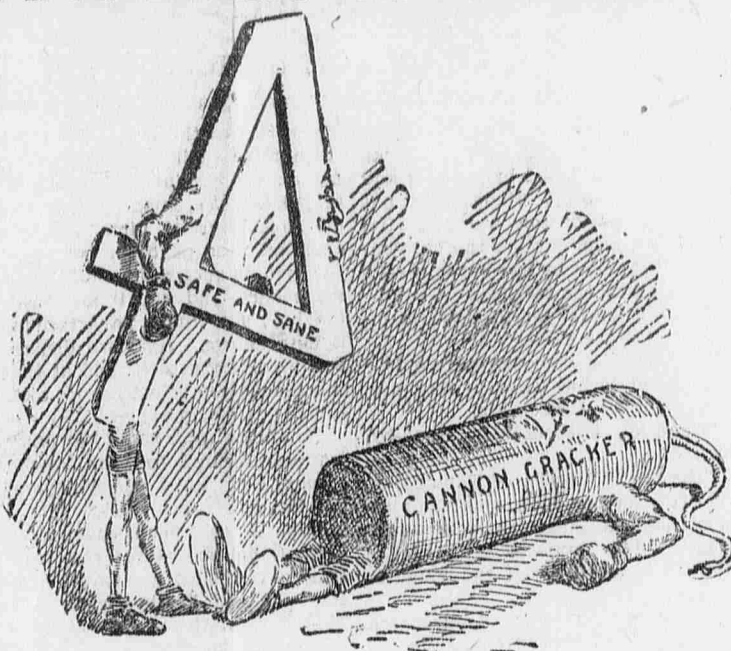
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ANOTHER KNOCKOUT.



—Cartoon by Macaulay, in the New York World.

SAFE AND SANE FOURTH A SUCCESS.

Big Decrease in Casualties in United States as a Result of Restrained Observance of the Day—Last Year Dead Total 44—650 Injured by Fireworks and 108 by Cannon This Year.

Chicago.—The value of a sensible and restrained observance of the Fourth has again been demonstrated by the casualty list of this year's celebration. In almost every city and town where the sale and explosion of fireworks were prohibited or restricted there has been a decided falling off in the number of deaths and injured, compared with previous years.

This year's list of dead throughout the country, so far as reported, is 24. Last year the total was 44. The whole number of injured last year was 2361. This year there were only 1294. These figures show only a conservation, not only in human life, but less injuries to arms, ears and eyes, which are so frequently the battered targets of destructible explosives.

Casualties in Chicago and its suburbs showed a remarkable diminution from the number a year ago. One death, due to the accidental discharge of a pistol, was reported, although the day's celebration must also be debited with a second death that resulted June 21 last from a rifle wound, self-inflicted, while a boy was cleaning a small rifle.

Of the injured this year 650 were hurt by fireworks, 108 by cannon, 173 by firearms, 59 by torpedoes and 97 by toy pistols.

The fire loss was \$317,815.

WOULD ABOLISH FOOTBALL.

David Starr Jordan Ranks Game With Pugilism—Declares Before the National Educational Association That No Intelligence is Required to Excel at Such Sport—Favors the English Football Game.

Boston.—David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, declared in an address before the American Educational Association that the game of football as played by the athletes of American universities is a combination of the elements of pure brutality and pugilism. He said that the worst feature of the athletic life of the modern college is the love of the sport, the same love of the crowd, he said, that compelled the interest of nearly the entire country to focus itself upon a ring away out in far Nevada, where a black man and a white man were pounding each other.

"Some day," said President Jordan, "the college precepts will perhaps be called cowardly and brutal because they did not put a stop to the dangers of football, a sport that destroys the best there is in American youth."

"No intelligence is required in the game of football. Blacksmiths and boiler-makers can play the game as well as men of finer intellect; in fact, blacksmiths and boiler-makers are considered the best raw material for the game."

The remarks of President Jordan were called forth by the preceding address delivered by Clark W. Hetherington, physical director of the University of Missouri and himself a Stanford graduate, who had delivered an eloquent appeal for the extension of athletics in American colleges and had defended football as the greatest of intercollegiate sports.

Dr. Jordan favored the entire abolition of football as played and the substitution of the English game.

IF YOU FLIRT ON THE STREET IN BALTIMORE YOU WILL HEAR FROM THE ASSISTANT LADY POLICEMAN

Baltimore, Md.—The Woman Suffrage Club, of Baltimore, intends to put an end to street flirtations, to keep many of the young people who warm the streets at night at home, and to prevent any behavior that is not decorous and mannerly by older men and women.

A committee from the club called upon the State's Attorney and asked his advice and co-operation. The State's Attorney will be appealed to particularly to discover if it is possible to appoint women assistants to the police officers at the suburban resorts and on the downtown streets, whose duty will be to look after street morals.

When the suffragists appealed to the police board recently to secure the appointment of women policemen at the resorts the board declared such action not within its power, as the resorts were outside of the city limits.

NO POSTAL BANKS THIS YEAR.

Plans to Be Taken Up With President Taft at Beverly.

Washington, D. C.—Such meetings of the Board of Trustees of the projected postal savings banks as are held during the summer will take place at Beverly. This has been agreed upon by the three members, Postmaster-General Hitchcock, Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Attorney-General Wickersham.

The organization of postal banks has been informally discussed by members of the board, but no plans will be made for putting them into operation until the board has had an opportunity to talk over the matter with the President. It is not believed that the first of the postal banks can be opened this year.

Will Abandon "Biblical Fables." Chicago.—The rise of a new type of Christianity is heralded in the current number of the Biblical World, organ of the University of Chicago Divinity School. It will be ethical, scientific, social and realistic. Biblical fables and stories that conflict with scientific truth are to be abandoned.

His Broken Neck Set by a Bloodless Operation. Columbus, Ohio.—By a bloodless surgical operation Jack Bowers, a coal miner, of Nelsonville, O., was relieved of an injury to his neck involving both dislocation of vertebrae and fracture, suffered three weeks ago. Unfortunate, the vertebrae were restored to their proper relations by hand manipulation and the head strapped rigidly in a normal position. Bowers stood the operation well and an hour later was talking and laughing.

Aviator Crawls Out From Under Wreckage of Machine Unhurt. Pittsburg, Kan.—Arch Moxey, in a Wright biplane, dived almost straight downward from a height of a hundred feet here after his engine had gone dead. The machine was demolished, but Moxey crawled from a mass of planes and wires unhurt.

Moxey was soaring along evenly at a height of 500 feet when his motor stopped. Moxey tilted his plane and floated down. When one of the plane stays gave way the machine crashed to earth.

Vote For Your Favorite Elk

The most popular Elk chosen by the votes of their friends and admirers will receive a Diamond Elk Charm. It is a beauty. The Charm will be displayed in the window of Mr. Callisher, the Jeweler, 917 Penna. Ave. N. W. Go and see it.

Cut out this coupon, fill it out and mail it to us. Vote early and often. Extra copies of the Forum for sale at 609 F St., N. W., Room 203, or you can order from your news stand.

The presentation will be made during the Elk Convention, July 26, 27, 28, 29. Ten thousand Elks will be in this city attending this Convention.

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Clam Farm

By Dallas Lore Sharp.

THE clam-farm is not strictly a new venture, however, but up to the present it has been a failure, because, in the first place, the times were not ripe for it; the public mind lacked the necessary education. Even yet the state and the local town authorities give the clam-farmer no protection. He can obtain the state's written grant to plant the land to clams, but he can get no local protection against his neighbor's digging the clams he plants. And the farms failed, because, in the second place, the clam-farmer has lacked the necessary energy and imagination. A man who for years has made his bread and butter and rubber boots out of land belonging to everybody and to nobody, by simply digging in it, is the last man to build a fence about a piece of land and work it. Digging is only half as hard as "working"; besides, in promiscuous digging one is getting clams that one's neighbor might have got, and there is something better than mere clams in that—Atlantic.

Sixteenth Century Inns

By E. S. Bates.

SUPERVISION over the inns was far stricter than at present, especially in Italy. At Lucca and at Florence all the inns were in a single street; and in many towns the new arrival was taken before the authorities by the guard at the gates before he was allowed to choose his inn, to which he would be conducted by a soldier. At Lucca, too, was a department of the judiciary, which was specially concerned with strangers; and to this the inn-keepers had to send a daily report of each guest. Yet to judge by the tourists' accounts, the supervision might well have been carried further, and reports upon the innkeepers required from the tourists. Such a system of double reports would have been a check on the murdering innkeeper, whom there are occasional references. A landlord at Portiers was detected, in the middle of the seventeenth century; and at Stralsund, so runs another tale, eight hundred (!) persons had disappeared at one inn. They had reappeared, it is true—but pickled.—Atlantic.

The Lady of Rome

By Emily James Putnam.

WE have a great deal of detailed information about the ladies of Rome. Many are known to us by name, and we are aware of the impression they made on their contemporaries. We should not be helped in differentiating them from other ladies by opening a ledger and setting down the good against the bad. Calpurnia against Faustina, and Alcmena against Trimalchio's wife. The trait that is interesting for our purpose is present in good and bad alike. The Roman lady was a person; indeed, she was often what we call a "character." She is distinguished from the Athenian lady as a statue in the round is distinguished from a relief. Once for all, she was detached from the background of family life and not supported throughout her height by the fabric of society, must see to it that her personal centre of gravity should not lie without her base. She committed her own sins and bore her own punishment. Her virtues were her own, and did not often take the direction of self-effacement. The strong men among whom she lived, who broke everything else, could not break her.—Atlantic.

A Night's Lodging In The Sixteenth Century

By E. S. Bates.

OFTEN before the inn came in sight, the traveler would see his Italian host. Sometimes the host would have touts as far away as seven or eight leagues to buttonhole foreigners, carry their luggage, promise anything, and behave with the utmost servility—till the morning of departure. But with all this, to expect them to provide clean sheets was to expect too much, and as the nation was grievously afflicted with the itch, it was desirable for the visitor to carry his own bedding. In many cases, we find the tourist sleeping on a table in his clothes to avoid the dirtiness or the vermin of the bed. Still, in Italy, as a rule, you shared your bed with these permanent occupants only. In Spain you were sure to do so; one man, one bed, was the custom there. In Germany the custom was just the reverse; in fact, if the tourist did not find a companion for himself, the host chose for him, and his bed-fellow might be a gentleman, or he might be a carter; all that could safely be prophesied about him was that when he came to bed he would be drunk. The bed would be one of several in a room; the covering, a quilt warm enough to be too warm for summer, and narrow enough to leave one side of each person exposed in winter. That is, supposing there were beds.—Atlantic.

Gondolas are being displaced by motor boats on the main canals of Venice, but they hold their own in the 124 side canals. The average weight of a man 5 feet 6 inches in height at the age of 35 to 40 years is 147 pounds. The feminine average is five pounds less.